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## THIS IS THE YEAR THAT WAS— 1967 FOR BETTER OR WORSE

JANUARY

Buck Shaffer and the Porterville High School Panther band march in the Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena on New Years day... United Savings and Loan holds grand opening in remodelled "Baker building" at Mill and Main... California per-acre cotton yield announced as lowest since 1956... Governor Ronald Reagan appoints Earl Coke as state director of agriculture, and Allan Grant as head of the state board of Agriculture; our editorial comment, "excellent."... Jim Brinkman installed as president of Strathmore chamber of commerce... Babe Hodgson reelected president of Porterville fair board... State Senator Howard Way named chairman of State Senate Agricultural committee.

FEBRUARY

Mrs. Gerald Mason installed as Tulare County Cow Belle president... Ted Cornell, Ethel Prestage, and Porterville Breakfast Lions named man, woman and organization of the year by chamber of commerce... Bob Mathias, newly-elected congressman from the 18th district, appointed to House agricultural committee... Old "hams" and new talent team up to produce annual City of Hope Spectacular under direction of Buck Shaffer... Ed Jones and Bob Henry, with Jones' 1924 Chrysler, on location at Mono Lake and Bodie to work in filming of Walt Disney's, "The Boy Who Flew With The Condors"... Ronald Michaelis selected as Porterville junior chamber of commerce outstanding young farmer of the year... County supervisors and a committee of farmers go to work on provisions for agricultural zoning in Tulare county.

MARCH

Opal Achterberg gets \$25 award for selecting name for new city park on Henderson opposite Monache high school - West View Park... Woodville chamber of commerce holds its annual "fun night" banquet... Milt Burtner, John Daybell, and Sam LaPresta named honorary Future Farmers by Porterville FFA chapter... Bakersfield Trade club salutes Porterville... Federal money appropriated for channel cleaning and bridge reconstruction to repair damage of the December 1966 flood on the Tule... Hal Campbell named to Tulare County Fair board; Ray Holloway elected chairman of the board... Bob Dusek named director of Porterville fair... Harold T. Johnson opens new nursery... Perry Marlin named grand marshal of Springville rodeo parade... John Garay and Cyrille Faure, incumbents, reelected to Porterville Memorial District board.

APRIL

Jim Hanson and Dr. Richard Spencer top field of five to fill two vacant seats on the Porterville city council; incumbents Aubrey M. Lumley and Bill Rodgers did not seek reelection... Marty Martin elected mayor of Porterville, Hanson, vice mayor... Jackass Mail makes successful run to Springville under indomitable leadership of the eminent Bill Rodgers as wagonmaster... Shelley Rose, of Tulare, named queen of Springville rodeo... Work starts on new dressing rooms at Porterville fair grounds under a committee headed by Ray Jones and Mrs. Pete Lunstad, with Walt Sommer as building superintendent... Strathmore Future Farm-

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**SANDRA VALINE** is shown with the garment that made her senior winner in the District Five "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest held last week in Fresno. Miss Valine will now represent the district, composed of Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced and Tulare counties, in state competition, January 13-14, 1968, at Eureka. The District Five contest was sponsored by the San Joaquin District Wool Growers' Auxiliary, "The Bo-Peeps."

### Time Out

## Kiss Of Death Harp Picks Bowl Winners — But They'll Play New Years Games Anyway

By Davis Harp

It has been our policy over the years to end the twelve month with predictions concerning the upcoming football bowl season. It is a chore that I approach scientifically, slide-rule in hand, with won-lost records, common opponent lists, injury status, weather predictions, and a coin with a nice distinctive head and a clearly defined tail.

My record for the past nine years is as follows; 11% correct, sixty-five crank phone calls from people who used my predictions as a basis for wager; a badly dented automobile after being stoned by a sporting crowd in the vicinity of Oak and Main streets; and many requests from people asking us to never, please, never ever pick their team to win again. I have been referred to as "Kiss of Death" Harp.

But, the bowl season is here and the winners must be chosen before hand, in the American tradition, and the sporting public always looks to experts such as myself to get the straight dope. Here it is. Rose Bowl... USC's Trojans are probably the fastest football team in the history of the game. Mr. Quick is O. J. Simpson and he is just about the whole story of the SC offense. If you can contain O. J., chances are you can whip the Trojans. Oregon State did it, in a manner of speaking. They held Simpson to only 225 yard rushing, but more important, they didn't let him cross the goal line. They whipped the Trojans 3-0, and it was the only loss suffered by the southlanders in a 9-1 season. Indiana is a team that is most famous for its punter who doesn't. Three times during the season, when halfback John Isenbarger was sent deep and instructed to punt, the sophomore set sail for first down territory. Unfortunately he only made it once. It was after this that the chant "Punt, John, Punt," became famous. The Hoosiers finished 9-1, the only loss was a 33-7 crusher at the hands of tough Minnesota. They amended this loss by stopping a fine Purdue team, 19-14, to get a share of the Big Ten title and a crack at USC in the Rose Bowl.

U.S.C. should win it, and they may win it big, but, if Indiana can find a way to keep O.J. from scoring they stand a chance of going home with a barrel full of roses.

Orange Bowl... This one matches Tennessee (9-1) with Oklahoma (9-1). People used to say, back in September, that Dewey Warren WAS Tennessee. The

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HARP

## LOCAL JUNIOR MISS CONTEST TONIGHT

PORTERVILLE — Three Porterville high school senior girls will compete tonight in a local Junior Miss contest as the first step toward a national Junior Miss pageant that brings the winner fame and fortune - the latter in the form of a \$10,000 scholarship.

The contest is directed by the National Junior chamber of commerce, with Porterville Jay Cees handling the local contest.

Entered from Porterville high are: Shirley Hughes, daughter Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virl Hughes; Janis Boradore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Boradore; and Cynthia Galusha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Galusha, of Ducor.

Competition will get underway at 6 p.m., tonight at the home of Jim Lusk, who, with Sandy Ward and Judie Barnhart, will judge the three girls on: Mental

alertness, personality, sense of values, clarity of expression, knowledge and perception, personal appearance, human relations and activities and honors.

Following, at a Jay Cee Ladies night meeting at The Paul Bunyan, the girls will be judged on their ability in the field of creative and performing arts, then, after changing to evening dresses, on poise and appearance.

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CINDY GALUSHA



JANIS BORADORE



SHIRLEY HUGHES  
(Lusk Studios photos)

### JACKASS MAIL

Porterville MARCH 30 Springville 1968

Them as is men who is goin' to ride with the Jackass Mail, March 30, is hereby told to start them beards come January 1, an if they is men they will be doin' like the permanent wagon master says. That goes fur teamsters, hangers on, saddle bums, would-be wagon masters an big talkers.

The Permanent Wagon Master Has Spoke

X  
W. B. Rodgers (His Mark)

## Editorial Comment

### A THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR

By Mrs. Pete Lunstad

Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding;

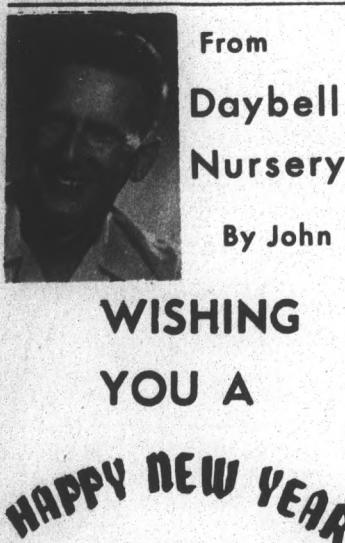
That the good that lies in every man's heart may, day by day, be magnified;

That men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them but that which unites them;

That each hour may bring us closer to a victory, not of nation over nation, but of men over their own evils and weaknesses;

That the blessings of Peace be ours - its joy, its beauty, its hope and, above all, its abiding faith;

That the true spirit of the Christmas season prevail throughout the year, and that men find it within themselves to live in harmony and in sympathy with others and to plan for the future with confidence.



From  
Daybell  
Nursery

By John

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YOU A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Now that Christmas is over you can patch the reindeer holes in the roof and settle down to the routine of living. You can even do such once a year things as spraying the fruit trees and roses with Calsul dormant spray. This prevents peach leaf curl, brown rot, overwintering insects, and other unwanted problems. It may not sound like a real fun job but it does loosen the muscles and shake the turkey down a little.

There are things to plant now and we highly recommend rose bushes, gladiolus bulbs, and most all shrubs. The cool winter soil gets the roots off to a good start and next year they'll be healthier and happier. You may end up in bed with pneumonia but the plants will be in excellent shape.

Living Christmas trees should be moved outside as soon as possible and the roots well watered in. These root balls need watering every couple of weeks because the rain doesn't get through the thick foliage very well. Poinsettias should be kept indoors until warm weather returns but cyclamen, azaleas, and camellias do best planted right out. You are welcome to call or come by if you have other Christmas house plant problems. Giving information is our pleasure on "E" Street north of Olive.

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### CALIFORNIA SPEAKS

VERA G. STAPLETON, Lomita—"Popularity is that thing on which men base success sometimes, more so than on honest motives."

LAWRENCE FLEMING, Pasadena, on credibility—"It is pretty silly to try to convince the public that something is good without telling the public what it really is."

WILLIAM HARTNETT, Mountain View, on marriage—"Too many people take each other for better, but won't put up with the worse."

MARC HOOD, L.A.—"The people deserve just as good government as they are willing to fight for; just as bad government as they are willing to placidly accept."

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### MONEY PROBLEMS ON TWO FRONTS MAY BE THE ADMINISTRATION'S GREATEST RESPONSIBILITY

By JAMES DORAI

When an objective history of the Johnson administration finally can be written, it may be said that its greatest responsibility was not Vietnam, not civil strife, but colossal financial distress for the nation.

Today the U.S. is seriously beset with major money problems on two fronts. Internationally, the pre-Christmas buying rush in gold may prove to be the forerunner of developments which could shake our whole financial structure down to its roots. Domestically, inflation is again becoming everybody's termite.

Both problems stem from the fact that since the Kennedy inauguration in 1961, gold in our possession has dropped from \$21 billion to \$12 billion, while our federal debt has risen from \$283 billion to \$340 billion. Both re-

late to the fact that the President seems not to accept the fact that government excesses are dreadfully expensive.

In a very simplistic way, what has happened is this:

The Federal Reserve Board decides how much money is available in lendable funds. Recently this supply of money has been increased at a fantastic rate so the government could borrow heavily to pay its own bills for deficit spending. When there is only so much money available, borrowers have to compete for it, and as a result interest rates—"the price of money"—go up.

Today government is the main competitor, and since its borrowing needs are so great there is deep fear that interest rates are about to rise very sharply, giving the economy a jarring dose of new inflation. A tax increase would reduce the government's need to borrow; without one, interest rates may become so high that new capital investments will be priced out of everybody's reach, from the would-be factory-builder to the would-be home builder.

At the same time, with a greater supply of money on hand the individual dollar is watered down in value—i.e., inflation—and this puts the heat on wage earners and profit seekers alike to demand more dollars numerically just to keep current. This means still more inflation at home.

### Nepotism Out?

Congress seems to have voted itself out of one of its favorite prerogatives — putting relatives on the federal payroll. On a slumberous day when less than 100 Representatives were on the floor of the House, Iowan Neal Smith got his long-opposed anti-nepotism bill tacked onto the pay legislation subsequently approved.

Smith's rider is so far-reaching in its ban on hiring of cousins, uncles, aunts, step brothers, and whatnot by Congressmen and federal officials that some authorities believe it could prevent a President from appointing a relative to a cabinet position, as President Kennedy did to Bobby.

One loophole remains. Nothing in the law would seem to prevent Congressmen or officials from exchanging cousins; a sort of you hire my relative, I'll hire yours. Nepotism may yet stagger through.

### No Checks?

Americans are the check writing champs of the world. We wrote about 17 billion of them in 1967, and it has been our habit to add about a billion a year to the total. In fact, check-writing is getting to the point, some banking experts fear, that they won't be able to handle them all.

The answer? A checkless society. Already a system of computer accounts has been suggested. Instead of writing a check, a computer would be instructed to deduct the amount from your account and credit it instantaneously to the merchant's, or the doctor's, or whoever.

Obviously this would mean that the user's financial status would be no secret any more, and a lot of people wouldn't like that. As an incentive to sacrifice privacy for prompt payments, it has been proposed that merchants offer a special discount to those using the automated system. It would actually save them money in bookkeeping, etc.

Which takes care of the checks. But what about the balances?

and a breakdown of confidence in the dollar abroad.

With dollars losing their respect, gold is in increasing demand, and foreigners holding dollars are in a rush to convert them into gold. With demand for gold so great, the fixed price of \$35 an ounce is too low and speculators are buying bullion on the gamble that we will have to take the lid off. More dollars for an ounce of gold would mean higher price tags on everything.

Squeezing more money out of the public through a tax increase may help alleviate our problems. But the real, hard political lesson of 1968 is one the President must learn: the prescription for fiscal safety is to stop deficit spending, to stop borrowing, to stop inflation, to stop the run on gold, to strengthen the dollar.

Or would he rather instigate another 1932?

### RING OUT THE OLD RING IN THE NEW

#### THE OLD YEAR'S DYING

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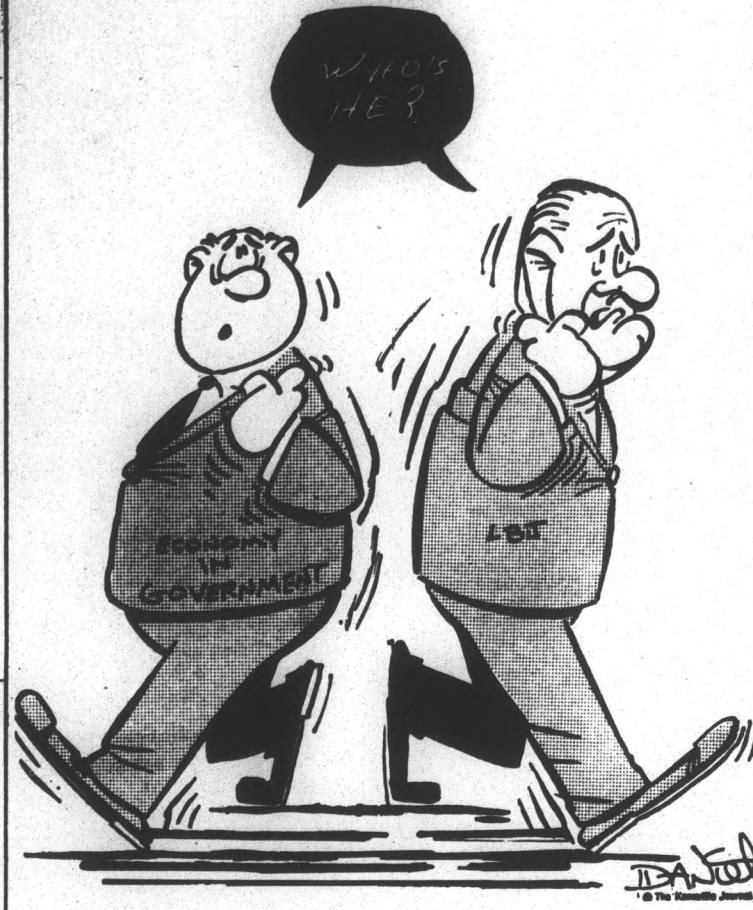
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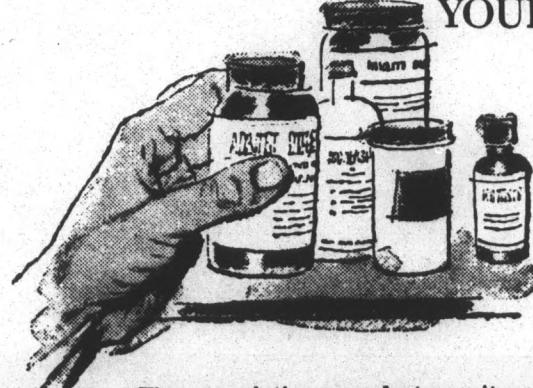
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Heard**  
BY BILL RODGERS

JUDGES OF the State Supreme Court have declared that the loyalty oath, as administered in California, is unconstitutional. (6-1 vote) These great legal lights no doubt understand their decision, but as one stupid country boy, we do not.

SAID THE court: "First amendment freedoms are delicate and vulnerable and must be protected wherever possible. When government seeks to limit those freedoms on the basis of legitimate purposes, such as eliminating subversives from public service, those purposes cannot be pursued by means that broadly stifle fundamental personal liberties."

SO FAR, so good.

BUT, QUOTING a decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, the 13-page state opinion said in part "...Persons who join an organization but do not share in its unlawful activities pose no threat either as citizens or as public employees: ...a law which applies to membership without the specific intent to further the legal aims of the organization infringes unnecessarily on protected freedoms and rests on the doctrine of guilt by association... such a law cannot stand."

HOGWASH.

THE CALIFORNIA loyalty oath, as has been taken by state, school and some local public officials, required a declaration that the individual has never been a member of any organization that advocated the overthrow of the government by unlawful means.

SO, WHAT'S wrong with that?

HERE IS a man or a woman who is going to administer a segment of our government; or here is a man or woman who is going to teach our children.

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and has not been a member of any organization that seeks to overthrow the government by unlawful means.

NOT THAT the loyalty oath in itself kept all subversives out of government and out of schools. But we believe it did act as a deterrent, and it did offer one more legal aid in throwing them out later if it was found they have given a false statement under oath.

AND HOW can even judges in ivory towers come up with such fantasy as to say, as the court decision does, that even though a person had or does belong to an organization that advocates overthrow of the government by unlawful means, there is nothing to fear if the individual has not been active in the organization? This same court would no doubt reason that it's all right to let a rattlesnake get in bed with you because it hasn't bitten anyone yet.

WE PERSONALLY have signed the loyalty oath on several occasions. We did not feel that our rights were being infringed upon, nor do we believe that the rights of anyone are infringed upon by the loyalty oath requirement when positions involving public trust are at stake.

BUT IN our great country-boy ignorance we suggest herewith that our rights, and the rights of we the people, are being infringed upon by court decisions - state and national - that make it easier for subversives to get into

and stay in positions of public importance.

APPARENTLY, HOWEVER, the so-called rights of persons who have been members of subversive organizations take precedent over the rights of those persons who have not been members, in the left-handed thinking of the court.

THIS WE do not like. This we protest.

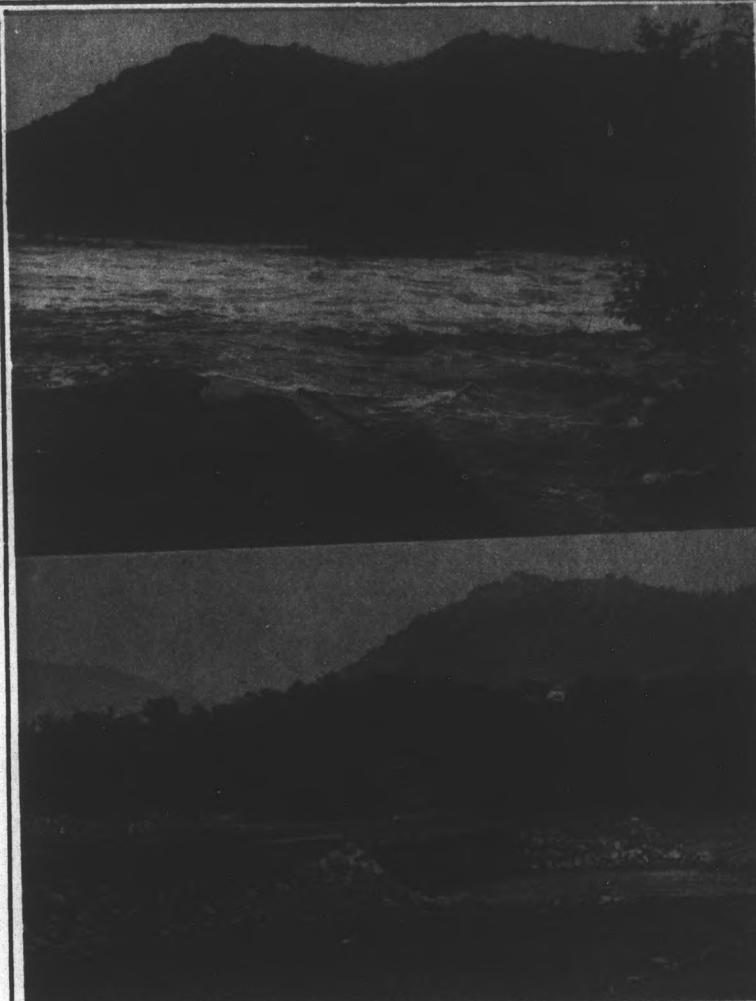
**SUCCESS 4-H  
GIVES BASKET  
AT CHRISTMAS**

SUCCESS VALLEY - Basket for a needy family was prepared and presented for Christmas by members of the Success Valley 4-H club; chairman of the committee in charge was Claudia Barringer.

Club members enjoyed a Christmas party at December meeting of the club, and Elmer Dodd, from Smith's market in Porterville, presented a trophy to the club for having sold the greatest number of tickets in relation to club size for the annual 4-H Chuckwagon breakfast.

Since Success Valley has won this honor for two years in a row, the club gained permanent possession of the trophy.

Project reports were given by members: Beef - Jo Wayne Brown, Debbie Eaton, Rhett and Tonya Mason, Mike and Pam Thomas, Kathy and Keith Wardlaw, and Frankie Williams; cooking - Claudia Barringer, Richard Chamberlain, Lezlie Crew, and Mike Thomas; home beautification - Claudia



UPPER GLOBE crossing of the Tule river - the Gill crossing to natives - has been without a bridge since the flood of December, 1966, however County of

Tulare road crews have virtually completed a new bridge and approaches at this crossing.

(Farm Tribune photos)

county 4-H talent contest, December 2.

Southern California date crop is about 50 percent harvested.

Alfalfa seed crop in California this year hit 44,620,000 pounds, up slightly from last year.

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Advisors office in Visalia.

The book was designed to help families manage their money to get the

greatest return, not just to keep records of spending, according to Mary Ruth Dewey, Tulare County Home advisor. There is space to list family goals which gives an incentive for better management. Other forms help estimate income and assist in making a tentative spending plan become realistic.

Included also is a calendar-type form for listing the fixed expenses such as income tax, insurance premiums and others that must be paid once a year or more often. These act as reminders to plan ahead so that funds can be ready to pay them. Monthly record sheets are arranged so the user can appraise spending and see where to make adjustments.

Certain records provide the figures needed for making out income tax reports; there are monthly and annual summaries; in total this book can provide a complete history of personal and family finances.

Copies of "Family Accounts" are available at the Farm and Home Advisors office in the basement of the main Post Office building, Visalia, or send 30¢ with your order to Sheldon N. Jackson, P.O. Box 990, Visalia, California 93277.

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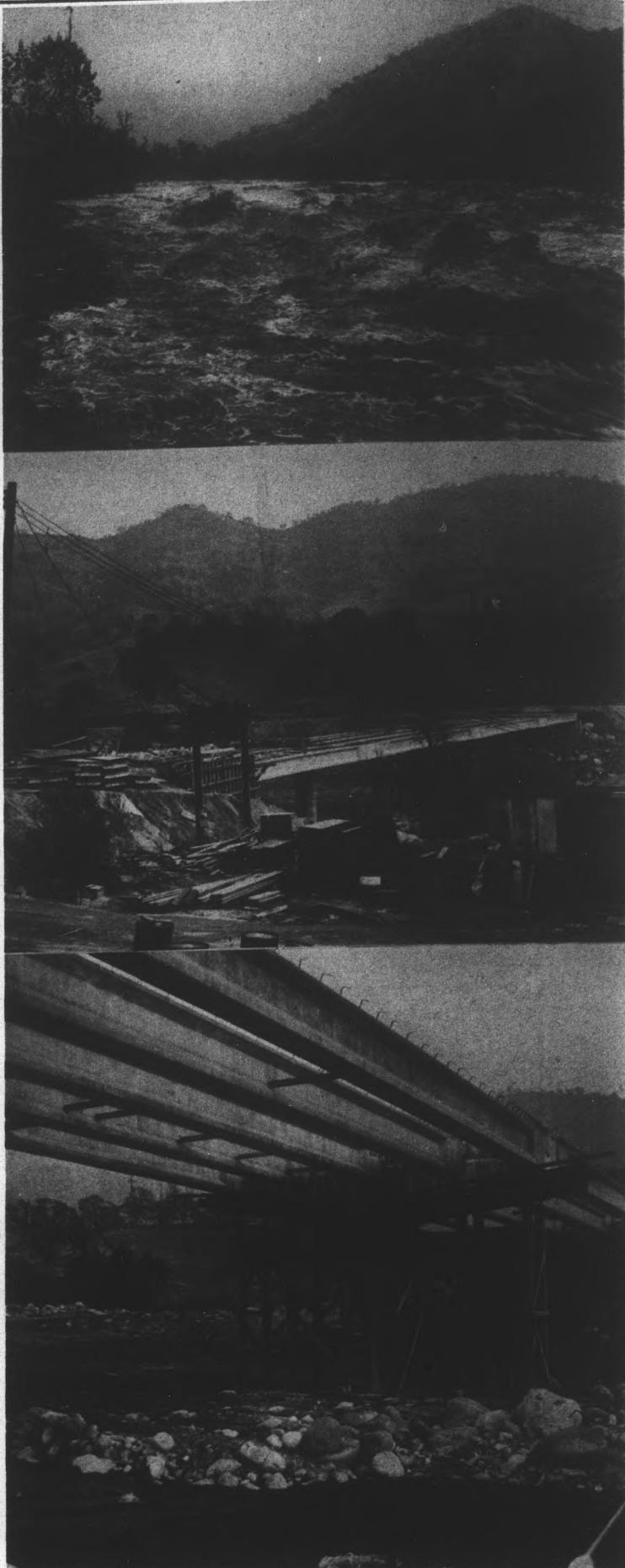
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THERE USED to be a bridge crossing the Tule at Springville just above the Soda Spring, top center of above photo, however the December flood of 1966 wiped it out. Now the road de-

partment of the County of Tulare has a new bridge well under way, with completion set for early February.

(Farm Tribune photos)

## BUCK SHAFFER IS RECOGNIZED IN MAGAZINE

PORTERVILLE - Buck Shaffer, director of the famous Porterville High School Panther band and of the Studio band, will be re-

cognized nationally in an article that will appear in the January issue of "The School Musician, Director and Teacher" magazine.

Shaffer's work will receive comment in an article titled, "They Are Making America Musical."

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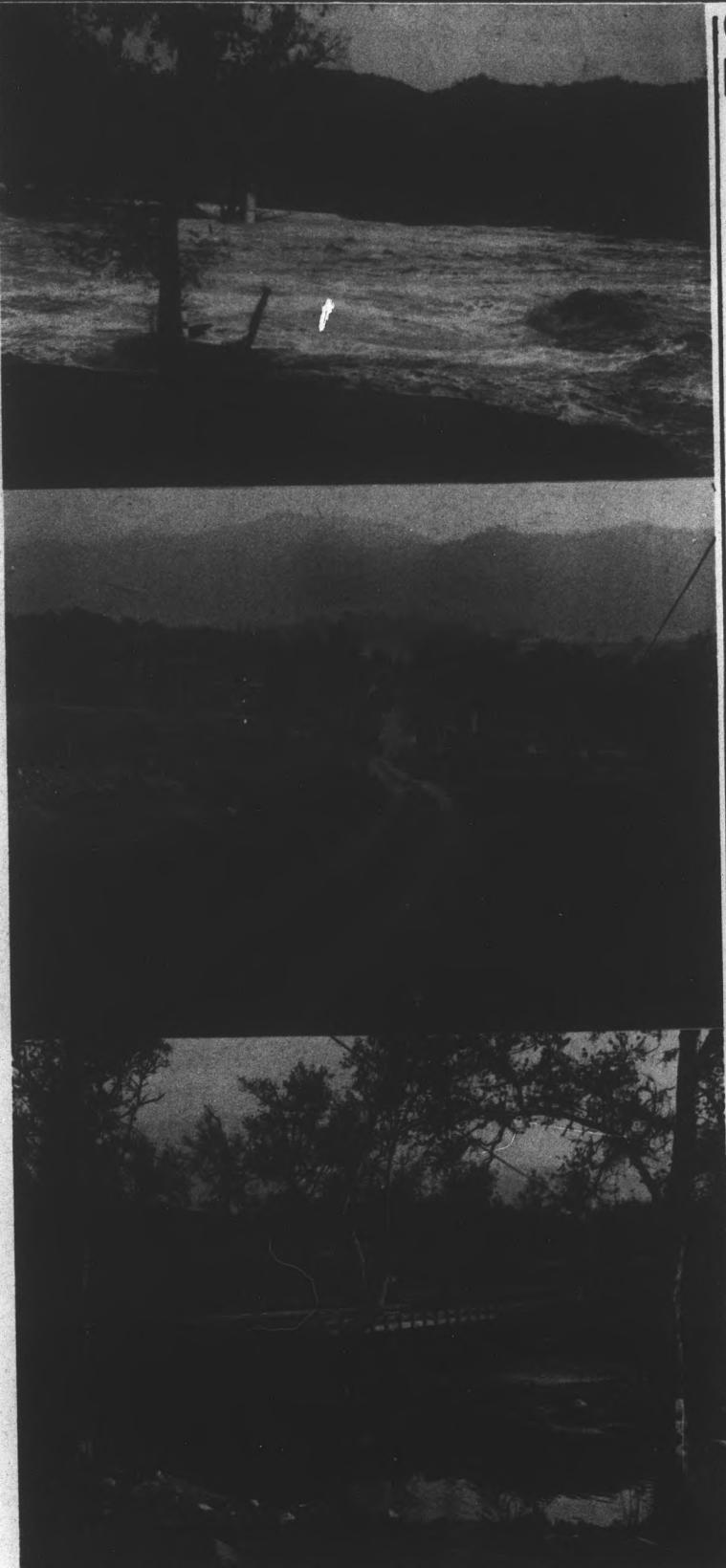
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FLOOD WATERS in December of 1966 took out the old Globe bridge, top photo, however a new bridge across the Tule at this crossing is now virtually completed, also a realignment of the approach road on the north that takes out the steep,

sharp curves on the old road that came out of the river channel to the flat land above. This construction project is being done by the road department of the County of Tulare.

(Farm Tribune photos)

#### CLUFF NAMED DISTRICT MANAGER

FRESNO - Ronald E. Cluff has been appointed southern district manager for Germain's Inc., seed growers and distributors since 1871. Cluff graduated from Arizona State University with a BS degree in agriculture and has been

actively engaged in agriculture and seed sales since 1953.

Rain last week slowed harvest of winter potatoes in Kern county.

December freeze brought some damage to southern California's avocado crop.

## California Field Crop Production Down Five Percent From Last Year

SACRAMENTO - Production of field crops in California during 1967 totaled 21,066,400 tons, about 5 percent below last year and 3 percent below the 1961-65 average. The greatest decrease was in production of sugar beets which was down over a million tons, due to a 25 percent reduction in acreage.

Cotton, rice, potatoes and beans also showed a decrease in production from last year, but these were partially offset by increased production of barley, wheat, corn and sorghum grain. Record crops of corn and grain sorghum were produced this year and the wheat crop was the largest since 1952.

Increases in acreage were mainly responsible for the higher production of these crops, although a record yield was set by the 1967 wheat crop. Yields of barley, oats, sugar beets and hops were also up from last year, while corn, sorghum grain, rice and hay

#### Cock Pheasant Bag Increases In '67 Season

SACRAMENTO - Hunters bagged about 40 percent more cock pheasants this year than last on state-managed hunting areas, the California Department of Fish and Game has reported.

The total bag this year was down slightly from last year, when one hen was allowed in the bag on opening weekend in the northern portion of the state. This year's regulations allowed only male pheasants.

The 1967 kill was 6,659, all males. The 1966 figure was 6,702 pheasants, including 2,050 hens.

A total of 28,543 permits were issued to sportsmen to hunt off 76,080 acres managed by the DFG this year. This represents nearly a 10 percent increase in use on comparable areas over last year. The areas included five state wildlife areas, four cooperative areas and six national wildlife refuges.

The average number of birds per hunter this year was off slightly, from .27 per hunter a year ago to .23 this year.

were below last year.

The combined value of the 1967 field crop production is 901 million dollars. This is 1 percent above last year but 4 percent below the 1961-65 average. The cotton, hay and wheat crops showed the largest increases in value. The value of the barley, bean, potato and sweetpotato crops also increased over last year.

These increases were partially offset by decreases in the value of sugar beets, rice, grain sorghum and corn. The hay crop replaced cotton this year as California's top cash crop with a value of \$216,002,000. The cotton and cottonseed crops had the second highest value

at \$211,525,000.

Harvested acreage of California field crops this year was 6,397,900 acres, about 3 percent more than last year and 3 percent above the 1961-65 average of 6,200,300 acres. Most of the acreage increase was in the crops of barley, hay, and wheat. Other crops which increased were corn and grain sorghum. All other crops decreased in harvested acreage except for rice which remained the same as in 1966.

Hay, barley and cotton combined accounted for over 3.9 million acres or about 62 percent of the state's total in field crops. Acreages of corn and grain sorghum hit a record high while acreage of oats for grain was the lowest since 1931.

Picking of lemons is nearly complete.

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## Muller Named To Anti-Poverty Board In County

VISALIA — Raymond Muller, supervisor from the fifth district, has been named to the board of the Tulare County Community Action Agency board of directors to represent Tulare county supervisors on the board.

Ray Longley, former chairman of the board of supervisors, recently resigned from the anti-poverty group.

### SUNKIST SALES AT RECORD HIGH

LOS ANGELES — Total delivered value of sales by Sunkist Growers during the organization's 74th year that ended October 31, 1967, was \$285,000,000 — \$234 million from fresh fruit sales and \$51 million from citrus products. The figures represent an all-time high for the cooperative marketing organization.

Cold weather and strong winds are hurting the growth of range feed generally in California.



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realigned road recently completed by the state highway department. The old road bed, adjacent to the Camp barn, is evident at left in lower photo.

(Hammond Studio and Farm Tribune photos)

Carrot supply is continuing steady from Kern county and Coachella valley.



## Decline In Cotton Continues; U.S. Production Lowest Since 1921

SACRAMENTO - California's 1967 cotton crop continued to decline during November and is now forecast at 1,035,000 bales, down 65,000 bales from the November 1 estimate, according to the California Crop and Livestock Reporting service.

This is 16 percent less than last year's crop of 1,228,000 bales and 41 percent below the 1961-65 average of 1,753,000 bales.

The average yield per acre is indicated at 845 pounds compared with 952 last year and the 5-year average of 1,099 pounds. Ginnings prior to December 1 totaled 956,210 bales.

Due to late planting and cool weather the cotton crop was two to four weeks behind normal by August 1. Hot weather through July and August helped plant growth but fruit set was light. Extreme heat during August and September caused heavy shedding and reduced the set of the late

crop.

Many fields had rank growth and light fruit set. Bollworm continued active in the Imperial valley.

United States total production is forecast at 7,618,000 bales, 351,000 bales less than the November 1 forecast, and the smallest United States cotton crop since 1921. This is 20 percent less than the 1966 crop of 9,575,000 bales and 49 percent below the 1961-65 average of 14,935,000 bales.

## New Attack Squadron For Lemoore Station

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Bob Mathias (R. - 18th Dist.) has announced that the Navy will establish a new attack squadron, VA-215, at Lemoore Naval Air station as of March 1, 1968.

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WINNERS IN the sixth annual high school art student outdoor Christmas mural contest at Porterville State hospital are shown with their trophies. From left are Mrs. Florence Offutt and Ed Schoenfeld, chairmen of art departments at Porterville and

The squadron, which will consist of 26 officers and 275 enlisted men will fly the Navy's new tactical fighter, the A7 - Corsair II. The first operational A7 squadron, VA-147, recently left Lemoore and is

terville State hospital are shown with their trophies. From left are Mrs. Florence Offutt and Ed Schoenfeld, chairmen of art departments at Porterville and now operating from the aircraft carrier Ranger against targets in Vietnam. When VA-215 is operational, it will probably also be deployed to the Vietnam theater.

nache high schools respectively; Pat Slate, second place; Sherry Hill, sweepstakes; Charlotte Powell, third; Cheri Womack, fourth; Jack Frost, first; and Dr. James T. Shelton, superintendent and medical director. Frost is a student at Monache high school, which participated for the first time with nine students competing.

(Porterville State hospital photo)

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## Time Out

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great quarterback called the shots in the Volunteers' opening loss to UCLA and in the following four games. But Warren was struck down by a knee injury, then this back-up got the ax, and a third-stringer stepped into the job. Now, here in December, people are saying the Vols are a good football team, with many good football players who compliment Dewey Warren, a great Quarterback. Oklahoma came from nowhere. Their young head coach, Jim Mackenzie, died suddenly last spring and his even younger assistant, Chuck Fairbanks, inherited the job of returning the Sooners to the winning ranks. The Sooners figured to be a pretty good country football team, but few predicted greatness for a team which had a no-name offense. They blasted through their schedule, losing only to Texas, and the offense developed a few names. But it is the Sooner defense which does most of the punishing.

It is tough to pick a winner here, but, I'll have to take Oklahoma. Offensively the two teams stack-up evenly, but I give the edge to the Okie defense.

Cotton Bowl... Poor ol' Alabama suffered through a terrible season, finishing 8-1-1. Bear Bryant has flooded the South with tears. But he is still a winner and he should continue the habit when the Crimson Tide meets Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl. A&M lost its first four games, then came in the back door to take the Southwestern Conference title as Arkansas, Texas, and Texas Tech were taking turns knocking each other off.

Sugar Bowl... Wyoming's unbeaten Cowboys take on the LSU Bengals, who are 6-3-1 for the season. How good are the Cowboys? They swept through their schedule, not the toughest in the nation, and ended the season as the only unbeaten major college team in the nation. My guess is that Wyoming is not good enough. LSU plays a schedule which boasts some of the really big names in college football, and they were slightly tarnished, but not shamed. I'll take LSU, 'cause 10-0 in the Rocky Mountains is not 6-3-1 in the South.

Gator Bowl... Penn State takes on Florida State in this game which is tabbed as an offensive show. Neither is a class team this season. Both are known best for having played well against top-ranked powers. Florida tied Alabama 37-37 and Penn almost upset UCLA. It is pretty even, but most of us experts are taking Florida.

That's it. Oh, Green Bay should take Dallas in the NFL playoff and Oakland should fracture Houston for the AFL title. Outside of that, nothing much is happening.

## JUNIOR MISS

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Results of the judges' conference will count 35 percent; performing arts, 20 percent; poise and appearance, 15 percent; and scholarship record and youth fitness, 30 percent.

Winner of the Porterville contest will receive a \$100 scholarship and will appear January 6 in regional competition at Fresno, competing there with girls from Fresno, Visalia, and Hanford. Winner at Fresno will receive a \$300 scholarship, and the right to represent the southern San Joaquin valley in a state contest at Garden Grove, January 27-28.

State winner will compete in national finals at Mobile, Alabama, in March, with \$40,000 to be given in scholarships to winners there.

Nationally, the contest is co-sponsored by Chevrolet, John H. Breck company, Eastman Kodak, and Scott Paper company, along with the junior chamber of commerce.

Local Jay Cee committee is composed of President Joe Faure, Sid Wheeler, Ray Yager, and Jim Hammon; assisting is the Porterville Senior chamber of commerce, and Junior chamber wives.

Accompanist for talent judging will be Mrs. William Noble; a judge at the regional contest in Fresno will be Waltraut Wilson, of Porterville.

Faure says that the National Junior chamber organization has sponsored the Junior Miss Pageant for several years but that this is the first year that Porterville has participated.

Contestants were selected after interviews with girls recommended by administrators at Porterville high school.

## FARMERS CAN APPLY FOR PRESERVE

VISALIA - Farmers in Tulare county can now apply for an agreement with the County of Tulare to put their land into an agricultural preserve, with agreement form, and other details of an agreement, available in the office of the board of supervisors.

At the present time, something over 100 requests for establishing of agricultural preserves have been filed by county farmers. It is expected that agricultural land that qualifies as a preserve will be reduced in assessed valuation, with owners to then pay less property tax.

The agreement, however is not a "one-way street." Basically, it is designed to protect agricultural land from encroachment by urban and industrial development.

## BOUDREAU IS HIRED AS NEW TBID MANAGER

TERRA BELLA - J.E. Boudreau, 34, of Sacramento, has been hired as manager of the Terra Bella Irrigation district to succeed Cliff Trotter, who leaves January 1 to become manager of the Arvin-Edison Water Storage district.

Boudreau, who received a degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Santa Clara, is now employed by Aero-Jet General. With his wife and five children he will move to Terra Bella the second week in January.

The desert Joshua tree belongs to the lily family.

## Special Tribute To Youth Planned During Dinner For Gordon Duffy

VISALIA - A special tribute will be paid the youth of Tulare and Kings counties at the \$50 a plate luncheon saluting Assemblyman Gordon Duffy (Tulare-Kings) on January 22 at the Elks lodge in Visalia, according to John Copley of Visalia, honorary chairman for the gala event.

All high school student body presidents of Tulare-

## ROCKFORD 4-H MEMBERS ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

ROCKFORD - A joint Christmas Party and regular 4-H meeting was held December 18 at the Rockford School cafeteria by the Rockford 4-H club. The flag salute and 4-H pledge was led by David Baggally and Tom Falconer.

Reports were given by Susan Buchak, who told about her horse project, Carrie Lunstad, Annette Hochuli, and Virginia Hochuli on Ground Beautification. Rodney Valine reported on the float that we had in the Christmas Parade, which we won first prize.

Under new business, a Community Service committee was chosen with Carol Briano Chairman and Stephanie Nelson, Loretta Wiemer, Jim Billiou, and Mylene Stevens as her committee. The Snow Party with Susan Buchak and Marlin Peter's as the Chairman's have as their committee: Suzanna Borba, Robby Jones, Nina Jurkovich, and Debra Clinton.

The president announced the next meeting to be January 15, 1968. The meeting was adjourned so to have our Christmas Party.

Exchanging of gifts, and a game was played. King and Queen was chosen during the Party; they were David Baggally and Sherry Hood. Singing carols and refreshments of cookies, hot chocolate and candy canes, concluded the party.

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## MAY

4-5 - Porterville Rodeo  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on or about January 2, 1968, the undersigned, as Executor of the Will of John M. Kotchevar, will sell at private sale to the highest bidder, subject to confirmation by the Tulare County Superior Court, all the right, title, interest and estate of the decedent at the time of his death and all the right, title and interest the estate has, by operation of law or otherwise, acquired other, than, or in addition to, that of the decedent at the time of his death, in and to that certain real property located in the County of Tulare, State of California, described as follows:

Lot 3 of Swastika First Extension according to the map or plat of said tract on file in the office of the County Recorder of said County.

Subject to current taxes, covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, rights of way of record.

Bids or offers are invited for the property and must be in writing and may be delivered to the Executor or to the office of his attorneys, Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, 141 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California, or may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court at any time after the first publication of this Notice and before the making of the sale.

Terms and conditions of sale: Cash, or part cash and part credit, the terms of such credit to be acceptable to the Executor and the Tulare County Superior Court; taxes, rents, operating and maintenance expenses and premiums on insurance to be proportioned as of the date of recording of conveyance. One-half the escrow fee and the recording of the conveyance to be paid by purchaser. One-half the escrow fee and the cost of any title policy to be at the expense of seller.

The property herein described is commonly referred to as 173 West Avenue, Porterville, California. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated: November 29, 1967  
JOHN KOTCHEVAR, Executor of the Will of John M. Kotchevar  
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141 East Mill Avenue  
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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Superior Court of the State of California For the County of Tulare

No. 19470

Estate of JOHN M. KOTCHEVAR, also known as J. M. Kotchevar, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law offices of Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, 141 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within six months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated November 29, 1967.  
JOHN KOTCHEVAR, Executor of the Will of the above named decedent.

Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk  
Attorneys at Law  
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Attorneys for Executor  
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE

No. 19148

## NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION

In the Matter of the Estate of GEORGE J. BRINKLEY, also known as George Johnson Brinkley, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 15, 1968, at 12:00 noon, at the Russ Allen Equipment Auctions located on Highway 99 and Avenue 24 (three miles north of Delano, California), E. F. Brinkley, as administrator of the estate of George J. Brinkley, deceased, through Russ Allen, Auctioneer, will sell at public auction for cash and subject to confirmation by said Superior Court the following described personal property belonging to said estate:

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E. F. Brinkley, Administrator

HUBLER, BURFORD, MORAN & QUIRK

By: Burke E. Burford  
Attorneys for Administrator

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Superior Court of the State of California For the County of Tulare

No. 19514

Estate of HENRY W. OWEN, also known as Henry Owen, Henry Walter Owen and H. W. Owen, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law offices of Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, 141 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within six months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated December 18, 1967.  
RICHARD S. OWEN, Executor of the Will of the above named decedent.

Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk  
Attorneys at Law  
141 East Mill Avenue  
Porterville, California 93257  
Attorneys for Executor  
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## MINERAL KING ROAD PLAN IS OK; MATHIAS SAYS PROJECT BACK ON TRACK FOR DISNEY DEVELOPMENT

POTERVILLE — Opposition to construction of a new road into Mineral King has been dropped by Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Interior, and Walt Disney Inc. plans for development of the Mineral King bowl into a winter and summer resort area are back on the track.

This word was received yesterday from Congressman Bob Mathias in Washington, D. C. who said that Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman and Udall had reached agreement on the proposed new road that must be constructed in connection with the multi-million dollar Disney development.

Controversy arose when Udall would not approve construction of a road across a section of National Park land, although major portion of the road, and the Mineral King bowl

itself is U. S. Forest Service land, and agreement for development of Mineral King is between the U. S. Forest Service and the Disney organization.

Two final points have been worked out to satisfaction of Udall. Route and planning of the new road is such that no Redwood tree will be removed or damaged in any way; and sanitation facilities will be constructed as part of the Disney development to assure that the Kaweah river will be contaminated in no way.

Mathias said that with the final point of contention worked out between Udall and Freeman, the Mineral King project — road and development — is underway again, and should continue virtually on original schedule.

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## CALIFORNIA TOPS IN STRAWBERRY PRODUCTION

WATSONVILLE — California strawberry growers this year widened their production lead over 10 competing states and nearly out-produced the other 10 combined, says the Council of California Growers.

With the 1967 season drawing to a close, growers in the Golden State have harvested an estimated 208 million pounds of red berries. A combined total of 222 million pounds were grown in Florida, Louisiana, Virginia, Tennessee, Arkansas, New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Washington, and Oregon.

Quick arithmetic by the California Strawberry Advisory board shows that California farmers, working with 8,000 acres, produced a whopping 26,000 pounds from each acre. The nearest competitor in the yield — per — acre category was Florida with 8,



HARRY H. HAMLIN, left, of Porterville, graduates from So. Calif. Edison Company's Substation Operators school at Alhambra. Presenting diploma

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## GEM AND MINERAL SHOW IN JANUARY

VISALIA — January 20-21 has been set as the dates for the 12th annual show by the Tule Gem and Mineral society, to be held in the National Guard Armory building in Visalia.

Tangerine harvest is slow in Coachella valley.

**THE YEAR 1967**

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ers hold annual parent's and son's banquet... Kenneth Rutherford elected president of the Tulare County Cattlemen's association... Two-county science fair held on Porterville college campus... Snowpack survey indicates 150 percent runoff... Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morris to ride as grand marshals of the Porterville Rodeo parade... Agricultural commissioner's report shows Tulare county agriculture hit a record \$375,600,000 in 1966.

**MAY**

Tina Moyle named queen of the 1967 Porterville rodeo... Perla Roman reigns as queen of the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration... Porterville's four banks set up permanent organization to handle the Porterville fair's annual livestock auction, the livestock exhibitors' banquet, and the cashiering of the entire fair... Joe Faure elected president of Porterville junior chamber of commerce... Loren Schmid elected president of Tulare County Navy league... Ted Cornell reelected president of the Tulare County School Boards association... Porterville stages its 20th annual fair.

**JUNE**

Tulare county supervisors finally give OK for construction of a new county agricultural building in Visalia... Porterville hosts the aviation world as

Moonlight Fly-in is reactivated by the Porterville Area Pilots' association, and the junior and senior chambers of commerce... Doug Peltzer elected chairman of the Porterville Farm Bureau center... Roscoe Honeycutt elected delegate to the National Cotton Council of America.

**JULY**

Porterville Exchange club presents its annual Fourth of July Fireworks show... Robert T. Shaner named principal of Porterville high school; former principal Don Howard moves up to district superintendent in charge of education; Tom Van Groningen will replace retiring C. W. Easterbrook as district superintendent; Dick Berryhill moves to the new Monache high school as principal... Los Venados de Mazatlan baseball team hosted in Porterville while playing a series of games with Connie Mack teams in valley... Johnsondale-Parker Pass road construction contract let... Marilyn Lombardi, of Burton 4-H club, named Tulare County All-Star... Buck Bennett, Vandalia 4-H nominated for Diamond Star honors; Barry Weldon, who lost his life in a tragic drowning at Coffee Camp, given County All-Star honors.

**AUGUST**

Survey shows that 15 million feet of timber was knocked to the ground in the Quaking Aspen area and along the Great Western

divide during the storm of December, 1966... Modernization and expansion program starts with ground-breaking at Porterville citrus association... Harold Dyar joins staff of The Farm Tribune... Porterville Horseshoeing school moves into its fourth year... Porterville Canterbelles win California State Junior Precision Drill Team championship in competition at Santa Rosa.

**SEPTEMBER**

Cornerstone laid for new Masonic Temple in Porterville... Sim Iness takes over as head football coach at Porterville college, and Bob Otto at Porterville high school as football season gets underway... Monache High School officially opened and dedicated... Plans discussed for reworking of highway 190 through Springville at community meeting with state highway officials... Poplar chamber of commerce stages its annual Western barbecue... Porterville junior chamber of commerce wins top honors for its Porterville community exhibit at Tulare County fair... Buck Bennett, Vandalia 4-H, shows grand champion steer at California State fair... Ground broken for new Pacific Telephone building, Second and Thurman, in Porterville.

**OCTOBER**

Springville Lions stage annual Horseshow and Gymkhana for young riders of valley... Governor Ronald Reagan is speaker

at Tulare County Republican Central committee fund-raising dinner, held in Tulare... A record 5,706 persons served at annual 4-H Chuckwagon breakfast... Buzz Stephen, of Porterville, moved up to the 40-man roster of the Minnesota Twins... Brenda Morris named queen of the Porterville Junior rodeo... County cattlemen hold annual fall banquet at Terra Bella... Bill Shepherd opens Volkswagen agency in Porterville.

**NOVEMBER**

Karen Pursell - Miss California for 1967-68 - with Shriners from Fresno and Bakersfield, are featured in 49th annual Veterans' Day and Homecoming parade in Porterville... Buck Shaffer presents patriotic spectacular - with help from Dean Semple and John Vaznaian - as half-time show during Porterville - Mt. Whitney high football game; 650 students participate in Panther and Monache high bands, and singing groups from the two schools... Archie Reynolds elected master of Springville Grange... Albert Rodriguez and Connie Rodriguez named

Guadalupe man and woman of year at annual Guadalupe Mission dinner and dance... Panther band plays three engagements in south - the Hollywood Christmas parade, Disneyland and the All-Western Band review... Allan Grant reelected president of the California Farm Bureau Federation... Hack Hutchinson elected president of the Poplar chamber of commerce... Sandy Ward elected president of the Porterville chamber of commerce.

**DECEMBER**

Cold weather hits citrus - hard... Annual Christmas Kiddie parade judged "best ever..." Work gets well underway on new section of Freeway 65 between White River and Elmco... Fate of Citrus Pest Control agency "up in air" as growers express dissatisfaction with Agency program and operation... Hank McEwan, instructor at the Porterville Horseshoeing school, makes "perfect" shoes as models for the Baker company in England... Sierra ski slope opened on Jordan peak... Great balls of fire! Another year has gone by!

**WEATHER BIG FACTOR ON FARM SCENE**

VISALIA - Weather - in one form or another - is the big factor on the Tulare county farm scene as the new year ends, according to the weekly report from the office of Elvin O. Mankins, county agricultural commissioner.

Cold weather hit the citrus crop hard, although extent of damage has not yet been firmly determined; meanwhile, picking is continuing as wet and damp weather, and frost damage,

allows.

Cold weather has also slowed, or stopped, the growth of range grass in the foothills; early-planted small grains are up, but are developing slowly because of the cold snap.

Some early sugar beets are being planted; seed potatoes are being dug as weather permits; pruning of deciduous trees and grapes is getting underway; cotton growers are finishing up their picking and are shredding stalks and discing fields; preparation for planting of dry-farmed grain is under way.

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